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Kutztown, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

April 3, 1997

The meeting was called to order by R. Crisson at 4:03 p.m. in the Room 223 of the Student Union Building.

Present: Okan Akcay, Steven Andelin, Len Barish, Deborah Barlieb, Eric Beaven, Ilene Prokup for Vera Brancato, Gary Brey, Carl Brunner, Biruta Cap, Roberta Crisson, Margaret Devlin, Percy Dougherty, John Erdmann, Venu Gupta, James Hall, Beth Herbine, Gerard Innocenti, Kimberly Keenan, Sally Knappenberger, David Laubach, Kevin McCloskey, Jason McGhin, Carol Mapes, Richard Morrison, Lisa Norris, Mildred Reilley, Charles Roth, Randy Schaeffer, John Schellenberg, Brian Schneck, Judith Shea, Neil Shea, Jean Mae Smith, Judith Smith, Heather Thomas, William Bateman for Joseph Thomas, Samuel Westmoreland, John White, Barth Yeboah.

Absent: Alan Apple, Dan Cates, Charles Clark, Joanne Cohen, Joseph Elias, Linda Goldberg, Russell Gross, Joseph Lippincott, Albert Margolis, JoAnn Spencer, Michael Spencer.

Also in Attendance: Jerry Fitzgerald, William Lewandowski, President David McFarland, Roger Whitcomb.

I. Announcements

R. Crisson indicated that she received a letter from President McFarland asking for a volunteer to serve on the search committee for a Faculty Athletic Representative. She indicated that anyone interested in serving on the search committee should contact her as soon as possible.

II. Approval of the Agenda

E. Beaven moved, J. Erdmann seconded, to amend the Agenda by moving the Strategic Planning and Resources Committee report regarding endorsement of the KU Vision Statement to immediately following the Approval of the Agenda. The motion passed.

The Agenda was approved as amended.

III. Strategic Planning and Resources Committee - Endorsement of KU Vision Statement

President McFarland spoke to members of the Senate about budget matters and the new KU Vision Statement.

E. Beaven moved, R. Schaeffer seconded, to endorse the KU Vision Statement. The motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes of March 6, 1997

J. Schellenberg moved, J. Erdmann seconded, to approve the Minutes of March 6, 1997. The motion passed with the addition of Heather Thomas to the list of Senators in attendance.

V. Committee and Task Force Reports

A. Academic Standards and Policy Committee - Proposal Regarding Transfer of C- Grades

E. Beaven moved, J. Smith seconded, to approve the proposal from the Academic Standards and Policy Committee regarding the transfer of C- grades. The motion passed.

B. Committee on Committees

G. Brey moved, J. Schellenberg seconded, to divide the recommendations from the Committee on Committees. The motion passed.

G. Innocenti moved, E. Beaven seconded, to approve Part A of the Report from the Committee on Committees to maintain the following committees as currently structured: Admissions Exceptions, Center for Enhancement of Teaching Advisory Council, Committee on Committees, Distinguished Visiting Professorship and Honorary Degree, Graduate Exceptions, Institutional Review Board, Professional Development, Research, Strategic Planning and Resources, Student Faculty Judiciary, Undergraduate Exceptions, and University Judiciary. The motion passed with G. Brey abstaining.

J. Erdmann moved, E. Beaven seconded, to approve Part B of the Report to change the membership of the Athletic Policies and Programs Committee by adding a representative from the Office of Human Diversity and by changing the three at-large members to a member from the College of Visual and Performing Arts, a member from the College of Business, and a member from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The motion passed.

E. Beaven moved, S. Westmoreland seconded, to approve Part C of the Report to change the membership of the International Affairs Committee by eliminating the three at-large faculty members from the committee. Roger Whitcomb, Director of International Studies, spoke in defense of maintaining the current committee structure. The motion failed.

R. Schaeffer moved, G. Brey seconded, to consider Parts D and E of the Report together. The motion passed.

Part D: Eliminate the Computer Usage Committee and its two subgroups, the Academic Computer Usage Committee and the Administrative Computer Usage Committee.

Part E: Establish a University Technology Committee which will encompass all areas of technology, not just computers. The proposed composition of the committee includes a faculty representative from each of the four undergraduate colleges, a Library Faculty member, a

Graduate Council representative, the Academic Computer Services Coordinator, one representative from Finance and Administration, one representative from Advancement, one representative from Student Affairs, one representative from Academic Affairs, and one student.

M. Devlin moved, J. Erdmann seconded, to amend Part E by adding to the composition of the new committee a representative from Computer Services. The motion passed.

G. Brey moved, J. Erdmann seconded, to amend Part E by adding to the composition of the new committee a representative from Audiovisual Communications, a representative from Telecommunications, and a representative from the Computer Science Department. The motion passed.

C. Mapes moved, J. Shea seconded, to amend Part E by adding to the composition of the new committee a representative from Natural Sciences in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The motion failed.

E. Beaven moved, B. Cap seconded, to table discussion of Parts D and E of the Committee on Committees' Report in order to return the proposal to the Committee on Committees for reconsideration of the composition of the committee and report back to the Senate at its May meeting. The motion passed.

C. Middle States


P. Devlin reported that the Middle States Steering Committee has received all but two of the interim reports from the Self-Study Teams. The Steering Committee has reviewed the reports and has made recommendations to the teams.

VI. Adjournment

R. Crisson indicated that the Geography Department and the Philosophy Department need to advise the Senate Office of their departments' Senate representatives for next year.

L. Barish moved, E. Beaven seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.


Roberta L. Crisson, President


Lisa A. Norris, Secretary

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